

**~Meeting Minutes~**  
Androscoggin County Commissioners  
November 16, 2016  
Regular Meeting 5:15 p.m.

**I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** - by Vice-Chair Sally Christner at 5:16 P.M.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ROLL CALL**

Commissioners: Vice-Chair Sally Christner, Alfreda Fournier, Matthew Roy, Randall Greenwood. Tardy: Beth Bell. Absent: Elaine Makas.

Other: County Administrator Larry Post, Treasurer Robert Poulin, Sun Journal Steve Sherlock, WGLT-TV7 Mike Stephanak, Director of Communications Martin Fournier, Jail Administrator Jeffrey Chute, Sheriff Eric Samson, Chief Deputy William Gagne, Commissioner Elect Isaiah Lary, Commissioner Elect Zac Maher, Budget Committee Member Norman Beauparlant, EMA Director Joanne Potvin, Judge Michael Dubois, Register of Probate Joshua Klein-Golden, citizen.

**IV. MINUTES**

Motion: to accept and approve with a waiver of reading the minutes of the November 2, 2016 regular meeting.

Roy-Fournier 4-0

**V. WARRANTS**

Motion: to review and approve all bills, part-time deputies' payroll. Warrants #1636, 1636A. Corrections Division Warrants # 1714J, 1714A-J.

Fournier-Roy 4-0

**VI. REPORTS**

**A. Update from Commissioner Bell on activities at the Maine County Commissioners Association.**

Commissioner Bell noted that the current MCCA Executive Director has given a March 17, 2017 retirement notice. Among other topics, a main item focused on was having each county work with their local legislature.

**B. Update from Commissioner Makas on activities at the Central/Western Maine Workforce Investment Board.**

No report.

**C. Report from Commissioner Makas on the Safety Committee.**

No report.

**D. Administrator's Report**

The County Administrator gave a report on activities and meetings.

**E. Treasurer's Report** – The Treasurer gave a report on finances.

**Commissioner Beth Bell arrived.**

**F. Register of Probate Joshua Klein-Golden & Judge Michael Dubois** – Discussed LD890 in relation to the expansion of the jurisdiction of District Court and the effect on Probate Court. Judge Dubois also discussed raising the compensation for his position.

**G. Commissioner/Chair Ronald Chicoine's resignation** – Administrator Larry Post presented the November 8<sup>th</sup> resignation letter from Ronald Chicoine.

Motion: to accept Chair Ronald Chicoine's resignation with deep regrets.  
Fournier-Roy 5-0

## **VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Commissioner Greenwood – Introduced Commissioner Elect Isaiah Lary from Wales, District 4.

## **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

### **a. MCCA Nominations**

Commissioner Alfreda Fournier nominated Sally Christner as the MCCA representative from Androscoggin County.

Motion: to accept the nomination for Commissioner Sally Christner as the MCCA Representative for Androscoggin County with the option to reconsider the nomination when the new Commissioners are present.

Fournier-Bell 4-0-1  
Christner abstained.

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. Approval of the 2017 Budget**

Motion: to increase 1020 Commissioners line 4015 *Architect/Engineer/Attorney* (by +15,000.00) from \$45,000.00 to \$60,000.00.

Greenwood-Roy 3-2

Opposed-Christner, Fournier

Motion: to add \$125,000.00 back into the Building account 1040-7205 *Building & Building Improvements* with an offset of -\$125,000.00 from Building Reserves.

Greenwood-Bell 3-2

Opposed-Fournier, Christner

Motion: to table NEW BUSINESS a. Approval of the 2017 Budget.

Bell-Fournier 5-0

Commissioner Bell – Introduced Commissioner Elect Zachary Maher from Poland-District 6.

**b. Dates for employee union negotiations**

Motion: to have all six commissioners attend the first session with the Androscoggin County Association with council to set the ground rules and to choose the delegates for the negotiating team to represent the board of commissioners.

Greenwood-Bell 3-2

Opposed-Christner, Fournier

**X. OTHER BUSINESS**

Commissioner Fournier – Reported on her first monthly meeting with Time & Tide. Natural resources in conjunction with the Androscoggin Valley Soil & Water Conservation were discussed, among other topics.

**XI. ADJOURN**

Motion: to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Roy-Fournier 5-0

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Larry Post, County Administrator